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Docket: ATM-2360

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Serial No. : 10/692,682 Examiner Bryon P. Gehman
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ERROR IN OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for, in the Office Communication of March 31, 2009, vacating the premature Office Action of March 17, 2009.

However, such Office Communication contains the following erroneous statement at page 2, lines 2 to 4:

"At the end of this period, applicant is required to notify the examiner and request continuation of prosecution or a further suspension. See MPEP § 709."

This notice requirement only applies to a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(a). It does not apply to a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c), which deals with a suspension request in conjunction with an RCE. Section 709 of the MPEP clearly limits such notification in such manner.

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